

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A method for communicating power control information for at least two communication channels, comprising the steps of:

transmitting power control information for a first forward channel during a portion of a first segment of a pilot channel, the first segment being one of a plurality of repeating segments;

and

transmitting power control information for a second forward channel during a corresponding portion of a second segment of the pilot channel, the second segment being one of the plurality of repeating segments,

the power control information for the first forward channel being different then the power control information for the second forward channel.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are in the present application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is kindly requested.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative initially thanks Examiner Tran for his time in the telephonic interview of December 13, 2002, the contents of which are summarized below.

Applicants' representative presented the Examiner with a proposed claim amendment to claim 1. The claim further defined the first and second channels as first and second forward channels, where power control information was transmitted to each of the first and second forward